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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOURS AND MARK GARRISON'S THOUGHTS ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH ARBATOV'S RECENT VISA APPLICATION (MOSCOW 3840). APPLICATION WAS VIRTUALLY DEVOID OF ITINERARY INFORMATION AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PIN DOWN ONLY THREE DAYS (MIT ON APRIL 11 AND ASILOMAR CALIFORNIA ON MAY 6-7) OF HIS PROPOSED MONTH-LONG STAY. THIS MAKES IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT PLAN EARLIER DEVELOPED WITH GARRISON INVOLVEMENT TO PRIME HIS HOSTS FOR "HEAD-SCRUBBING" ON SUCH SOVIET ACTIONS AS TREATMENT OF BILLINGTON LAST FALL. ALSO, WE NOTE POSSIBLE LINKAGE TO RECENT US CONGRESSIONAL VISA APPLICATIONS TURNED DOWN BECAUSE APPOINTMENTS IN USSR NOT CONFIRMED. IN SUM, PROBLEM IS WHETHER TO DEMAND MORE ITINERARY INFORMATION PRIOR TO AUTHORIZATION, OR TO APPROVE AND PLAY BY EAR AFTER ARRIVAL

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(SUNDAY, APRIL 3). WE UNDERSTAND ROLAND BUSHNER OF NY COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS INFORMALLY ASKED MARSHALL SHULMAN TO DISCUSS ITINERARY WITH ARBATOV.

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